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REV. JESSE JACKSON VISITS



Multnomah County commissioner Loretta Smith, left, stands with Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rev. Mark Knutson, pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church, at a June 2 press conference. Jackson announced he's asked Smith and Knutson to co-chair a local office of his organization, the Rainbow PUSH Coalition.

Jackson Working to Open New Rainbow PUSH Office

Veteran civil rights activist also urged Portlanders not to give racists 'a crowd'

By Christen McCurdy
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Rev. Jesse Jackson urged Portlanders last week to embrace nonviolence and take "multiracial, multicultural" action against racist attacks like the May 26 stabbing on a Portland MAX train — and called for the opening of a local office of his organization.

At a June 2 press conference at Augustana Lutheran Church in Northeast Portland, Jackson also called for the creation of a local office of his organization, the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, to fight racism in Portland — and that he'd asked the Rev. Mark Knut-

son, pastor of Augustana, and County Commissioner Loretta Smith, to co-chair the chapter.

Collection envelopes for the local Rainbow PUSH office circulated at an interfaith prayer breakfast preceding the press conference, and at both the breakfast and the press conference those in attendance were encouraged to donate via text message if they wanted to join.

The Skanner was unable to confirm by deadline the amount of money raised Friday, where funds raised went or what next steps are for a local RPC office.

This is at least the second time Jackson has attempted to open a Portland chap-

ter of his organization. In 2010, The Skanner reported on a speech Jackson gave at Self Enhancement Inc., in which he said he was working with Bishop A.A. Wells to establish Portland and Seattle chapters of the group. The Skanner was not able to reach Wells for a comment on what became of that effort.

According to the organization's website, in 1996 Jackson merged two organizations he'd founded earlier (People United to Serve Humanity, founded in 1971, and the Rainbow Coalition, formed in 1984) to form Rainbow PUSH Coalition. The Chicago-based organization has offices in Washington, D.C., Atlanta,

Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, New York and Oakland.

Jackson was already scheduled to speak in Portland that day at a meeting of the National Organization of Black County Officials, of which Commissioner Loretta Smith is a board member.

He praised the heroism of 53-year-old Ricky Best, 23-year-old Taliesin Myrddin Namkai-Meche, and 21-year-old Micah David-Cole Fletcher, White men who intervened on behalf of two Black teenage girls who were being harassed on a MAX train May 26. Best and Namkai-Meche were killed and

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Professor Looking for Details on Historic Black Women's Newspaper

The only known edition of Portland's 'The People's Bulletin' is dated exactly 100 years ago

By Melanie Sevckenko
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On June 7, 1917, a small community newspaper released its 34th edition. That issue is the only known copy of what was called "The People's Bulletin."

Beneath the masthead its mission reads clear: "In the interest of the col-

ored people and the good of the state of Oregon."

Oval-shaped portrait shots of young African American women follow the headline, "Petticoat Minstrel Participants." Inside, its tattered and tained pages include ads for Portland's Black businesses, church service announcements for prominent

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The only known copy of "The People's Bulletin." Image courtesy of Wyles Mss. 179, Portland [Oregon] African-American Collection, circa 1900-1970.



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The 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion waiting for a routine equipment check.

All-Black Paratroopers Recognized

The secret history of the Triple Nickles is commemorated at the Siskiyou Smokejumper Museum

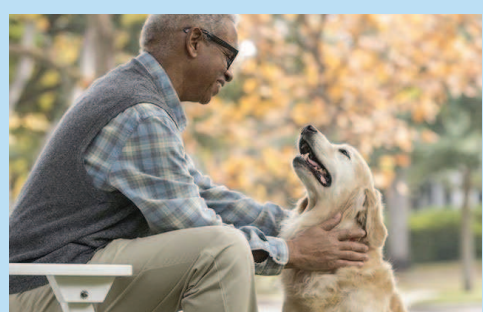
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How many wartime stories incorporate Oregon history, the forest service, smokejumping, and civil rights?

The likely answer is very few. But the courageous tale of the 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion — otherwise known as the Triple Nickles — checks all those boxes and more.

The Nickles were a segregated, all-Black paratroop unit activated during World War II — and the first African Americans in U.S. military history to work as airborne soldiers. Moreover, according the official webpage of the 555th, "the Triple Nickles served in

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